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**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY****As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Polypeptides Having Glucose Isomerase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same
(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which was filed on August 26, 1999 as United States Application Number 09/383,318 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed	
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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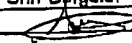
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## DECLARATION OF KARIMA SRIH-BELGUITH

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I, Karima Srih-Belguith, do hereby state and declare that:

1. I am a citizen of Tunisia residing in Sfax, Tunisia.
2. I am a named inventor of the above-captioned application.
3. I am listed as the "author" of the deposit made on 1 February 1999 in EMBL as accession no. Y155518.
4. The other inventors, Samir Bejar, Monica Mezghani and Radhouane Ellouz, were not included as authors of the deposit. However, they are inventors of the subject matter of the deposit and the deposit was made on behalf of all of the inventors.
5. The undersigned declarant declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section

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1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 22 day  
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